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His Reception in Eternal City Will Be Most Magnificent.

BREAD AND SALT ON TRAY

Delegation Will Meet the Train and Observe the Old Russian Custom—Dis-cussion of Feast of St. Jeanne d'Arc—New Field Gun.

By PAUL VILLIERS.

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PARIS, Oct. 3.—Among the most distinguished visitors who have recently stopped in this city is Prince Colonna, the Mayor of Rome, who has now left here in order to return to Rome to start the first preparations for the reception of the Czar, which will surpass the reception given by the Eternal City to any monarch.

The decoration of the Via Nazionale and the L'Esedre will be more simple but much more effective than they were at the time of the reception of Emperor William.

According to the old Russian custom a delegation of the members of the Russian colony in Rome will meet the Czar at the depot and hand him bread and salt on a golden tray.

In honor of the Czar the municipality of Rome will give a great gala soiree, which will take place in the Theatre Costanzi, because this theatre is the nearest to the Quirinal. The programme has not yet been fixed.

It had first been intended to give a reception to the Czar on the Capitulum, but this idea has been given up, as the royal entourage, to reach the Capitulum, would have to pass through streets in which it would be almost impossible to guard the Czar against attempts on his life.

There is a bare possibility, however, that some entertainment will be given to the Czar on the Capitulum, as he has expressed a wish to see the Forum illuminated with Bengal lights from the hill of the historical old fortress.

Jeanne d'Arc.

If the Papal Court at Rome declares Jeanne d'Arc enlisted among the saints, which will probably happen in the near future, there is quite a good deal of guessing going on as to what day in the year will be dedicated to the patron saint of France.

It is true that the present government does not believe very much in saints or sanctity, but the great majority of the French people will expect a certain day in the year assigned to the new saint, and they will celebrate it with all their old-time fervor.

It will, therefore, undoubtedly be necessary even for the present atheistic government to fix a certain legal holiday in honor of Jeanne d'Arc, if it has already been done by the government in similar cases.

The number of legal holidays in France at the present time is small compared to other Catholic countries.

Bonaparte, as first consul, proclaimed Christmas Day, the day of the Ascension and All Saints' Day as legal holidays. New Year's Day has been a legal French holiday since the passage of a law by the government in 1830.

The law of the 6th of July, 1880, declared the 14th of July, the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille, and the Sunday of Easter and Whitenside legal holidays.

No matter how little inclined Mr. Combes may feel to institute a new religious holiday, there seems to be no escape for him.

New Army Gun.

While Germany has had only different success with the new army field gun with which the Kaiser intends to equip the whole German army, France at the present time not only possesses the most perfect field artillery in the world for general purposes, but also a new mountain gun far superior to any in existence at the present time, which has been invented by Captain Duerest.

Extensive experiments have been carried out with this cannon in Algeria, and these have been so successful that all the mountain batteries in the French army will in the near future be equipped with this new weapon.

The gun Duerest, as it is called officially, is of sixty-eight millimetre calibre, and weighs only 200 pounds with the hydropneumatic brake, with which it is equipped.

Five mules are sufficient to move it and the ammunition wagon from place to place, and the recoil in firing is very slight, so that it may even be fired from the back of a mule or camel.

Captain Duerest is only thirty-four years old. He graduated from the Polytechnical School in 1890, was made a lieutenant in 1892, and has been a captain since July, 1893.

During three years of this time he has seen service in the Alpine departments, and it was here that he made himself acquainted with the necessity of a new gun serviceable in mountainous regions.

The Secretary of War has sent him a personal letter of thanks for his invention, which he has given gratuitously to the government, and he has been made an officer of the Legion of Honor.

To Build Palace.

The King of Belgium, who evidently intends to settle down, has expressed the wish to have one of the wings of his palace at Laeken made habitable for next summer, and an army of several hundred mechanics has started to carry out his plans. The King, otherwise reputed to the misery and willing to make his country pay for as many as possible of his personal expenses, has this time made an exception, and intends to pay the full cost of the changes out of his own pocket.

It is his intention, if he lives long enough, to build a palace at Laeken superior in size and magnificence to any royal palace in Europe.

THE DOME OF ST. PAUL'S

Some Work of Repair Being Done, but It Is Still Staunch.

IS AS OLD AS HIS TITLE

But Marquis of Abergavenny, Who Has Just Celebrated His Seventy-seventh Birthday, is Nineteenth Baron of His Line.

By PAUL LAMBETH.

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LONDON, October 3.—Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, who is coming with the American wife, nee Miss Leiter, of Chicago, to spend a few months' vacation in England, is the youngest administrative officer in the British government.

He is so energetic and industrious that he has won the name of being a hustler. The Curzon family motto is "Let Curzon hold what Curzon held," and it is apparent the motto is a truthful one and that the present Curzon lives up to it.

The native papers of India are full of criticisms of his keeping a rare and precious suite of ivory furniture which he obtained from a native maharajah in exchange for a modern rifle. The price of the suite was absurdly low, and so the native press is attacking him for keeping it.

It is intimated that the Viceroy got the art treasure merely because of his position, which dazzled the simple-minded maharajah into parting with his centuries-old furniture for a song.

Some of the Indian papers declare Lord Curzon would have incontinentally dismissed and disgraced a subordinate official for acquiring a bit of loot in this way.

Meanwhile, the Viceroy clings to the furniture and the Viceroyine will be able to show her visiting Chicago friends one of the richest and rarest treasures of antique art that mysterious India has disclosed to the eyes of her conquerors.

St. Paul's Dome.

An English aeronaut, Percival Spencer, in an English made air ship, has succeeded in steering his flying machine around the great dome of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The aeronaut passed so close to the dome that the workmen engaged in renovating it shouted cheerful greetings to him.

During the past two centuries the store-work of St. Paul's vast dome has decayed somewhat, but not to a perilous degree. There was a scare last year



GEORGE OBRENOVITCH

A photograph of George Obrenovitch, the alleged natural son of the late King Milan. The young Prince, though not actually claiming the throne of Serbia, is rapidly gaining popularity among the large number of his countrymen who are disgusted with the rule of King Peter.

that the cathedral, like London bridge in the juvenile song, was "falling down, falling down," but there was no basis for the fright.

St. Paul's is as staunch to-day as when finished. The authorities are fearful, however, that if underground railways are run near the cathedral they may imperil the foundation, and Parliament will be appealed to to keep the underground roads at a safe distance from the big basilica.

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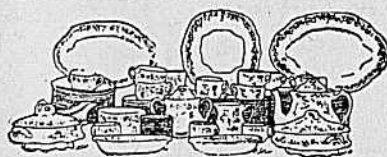
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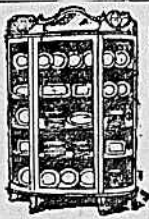
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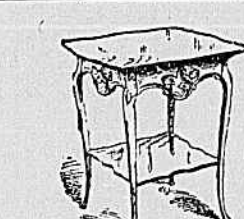
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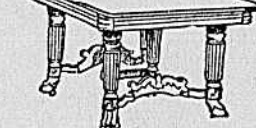
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mate friends, most of whom he has out-lived. The garden contains an oak planted by the late William Vernon Harcourt, if the Liberals ever return to power, and just now there is a chance that they will, may probably once more enter the British Cabinet as Chancellor of the Exchequer, one of the most important offices under the British Government.

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prise over the report that Miss Ethel Barrymore, on her return to America, attempted to deny possession of a trophy for high diving. The plain fact is that the actress distinguished herself

During her stay in England Miss Barrymore was the guest of the Duchess of Sutherland, and, with her Grace, visited an aquatic display at the Dunrobin private place. Among those who partici-

pated were Lady Constance MacKenzie, the champion lady swimmer, and Miss Chaplin, also staying at Dunrobin Castle.

The actress, expressing a wish to take part in the swimming, borrowed a costume, complained that a 50-foot platform was too low to dive from, and had a step-ladder placed on top. She dived from this a height of 30 feet—and, the Duchess's prize for the best exhibition of aquatic.

MISS BARKYMORE

IS A HIGH DIVER

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